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THE CLASS OF 1928

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Foreword

With the hope that it will be held in future years as a mirror of the past, a reflection of the joy, achievements and noble aspirations of youth, the Senior Class of St. Benedict School presents

The

Benedictum

of

Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Eight

Golden Memories

I'll ne'er forget that place
Where first I fought life's fight
And planned to conquer all
That came within my sight.

I loved those days of song,
Of thoughts that seemed to bless
When all our work was joy
And carefree happiness.

Oh! how our hearts would sing
When from a game hard won
We carried home the prize,
Reward of work well done.

But all those days are gone.
They're just a memory,
Yet always in my heart
Enshrined they'll ever be.

CATHERINE HENKEL.

Rev. Thomas F. X. Hally

Dedication

His FAITH upholds us,
His HONOR inspires us,
His COURAGE strengthens us.

To

Reverend Thomas F. X. Hally,

in sincere appreciation of the counsel and fatherly guidance which he gave to the class of 1928, this annual is respectfully dedicated.

Reverend Harold Rosebrook

Baccalaureate Speaker

Dr. William P. Woodworth

"Music like poetry rests finally on God."
"Laws die, books never."

Classes

Class of Twenty-Eight

Along the smooth and rugged paths
Of each short high school year,
Together, we gladly worked and strived
Toward the goal which now is near.

But when the day is past and gone—
The day we graduate—
We shall not seek our future fame
As the Class of Twenty-Eight.

'Tis here where paths in life are changed—
The parting of the ways—
Yet each will cherish memories
Of happy high school days.

In triumph or adversity,
By this we shall abide,
Our motto, "Sursum Corda," e'er
To be our worthy guide.

And if for us life may not be
As bright as other lives seem,
We shall lift up our hearts to God,
Resigned to His will supreme.

And thus, e'en though long years elapse
Or strange our destiny,
In recollections of our youth
One name will honored be.

'Tis that of our Alma Mater,
To whom we ought confide,
In loud acclaim we'll voice her praise
And speak her name with pride.

LEO MCGLYNN

E. Duffy
Pres.
SENIOR
CLASS
OFFICERS
V. Desmond
Vice-Pres.
L. McKinnon
Treas.
V. Kenney
Sec.

FRANK BLISS

Frank has a great fondness for laughter and in his years at St. Benedict contributed greatly to the happy spirit prevailing. Though interested in every sport, his favorite game is basketball.

Junior Holy Name; Basketball '27, '28.

"True wit is nature to advantage dressed."

ROSEMARY BUTTERFIELD

Graceful and modest as becomes a lady, sincere and loyal as becomes a friend—these are the characteristics which endear Rosemary in the hearts of her classmates.

Member of S. C. C.; Young Ladies' Sodality; Basketball, '27, '28.

"A simple maiden in her flower
Is worth a hundred coats-of-arms."

MARGARET CROCKER

Margaret has a full quota of school spirit and her amiable personality has won her many friends. She has a depth of character that can not always be fathomed.

Secretary of S. S. C.; Young Ladies' Sodality; Assistant Editor, "Benedictator"; Class Editor, "Benedictum"; Basketball, '27, '28; Orchestra '25.

"And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew,
That one small head could carry all she knew."

JOSEPH DEVITT

"Dublin" is Irish, as his name indicates, and he has a good share of the blarney attributed to his people. Although unable to engage in athletics, Joe has followed the teams with a deep interest. His kind and jovial spirit has won him many friends.

Junior Holy Name.

"Who broke no promise, served no private end,
Who gained no title, and who lost no friend."

DORIS DYER

Doris dislikes publicity and has kept out of the limelight as much as possible—a good student of a quiet but friendly disposition.

Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Typist of "Benedictum."

"Her care was never to offend,
And every creature was her friend."

WILLIAM EARDLY

Much may be said about "Bill," but were we to give him all the praise he deserves his modest nature would blush. His spirit of generosity and his fidelity to the principles inculcated by Alma Mater predict great things for him in the future.

Associate Editor, "Benedictator"; Sport Editor, "Benedictum"; President, Junior Holy Name Society; Chairman, Literature Committee of S. S. C.; Debating Team; Basketball '27; Football '27; Scorekeeper.

"For his heart was in his work, and the heart
Giveth grace unto every art."

THELMA GAFFNEY

Thelma is always jolly, is witty, and has a quick sally or smile for all. She is a diligent student and a true friend.

Basketball '27, '28.

"Type of the wise who soar, but never roam;
True to the kindred points of Heaven and home."

DAVID GERMAIN

"Dave," as a member of the football team, won his letter at this sport. He is very persistent—to which fact his companions during laboratory periods will testify—when any question challenges his mental powers. With this attitude toward difficulties, David is bound to succeed.

Junior Holy Name; Basketball '28; Football '27; Ushers' Club; Dramatics.

"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

EDWARD GERMAIN

Having played baseball and football for two seasons, "Eddie" is another one of our athletes. His stock of jokes and comical actions are ever new and interesting. Automobiles, his hobby, occupy a great deal of his spare time.

Dramatics; Junior Holy Name; Ushers' Club; Circulation Manager, "Benedictum"; Football '26, '27.

"As an actor, confessed without rival to shine;
As a wit, if not first, in the very first line."

GEORGE GRIX

What a solemn face! But underneath there lies a keen sense of humor and a happy view of life. In school activities he has been ever helpful, and as business manager of the school paper and annual he has done much in making this a banner year. Furthermore, George having played faithfully for two years, has a monogram for football.

Business Manager, "Benedictator" and "Benedictum"; Junior Holy Name Society; Ushers' Club; Dramatics; Football '26, '27.

"I am the master of my fate;
I am the captain of my soul."

CATHARINE HENKEL

Clever? Yes. A good scout? Indeed. Thoughtful? I should say so. We have all felt Catharine's outstanding personality and we are proud to include her among our classmates.

Vice-president, Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Contributing Editor, "Benedictator"; Organization Editor, "Benedictum"; Basketball, '28.

"Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power."

JOHN JOHNSON

"Good goods come in small packages," so the saying runs. Johnny is a little fellow, but his principles are broad and strong. A cheery smile and fun-loving character have made him loved by his classmates.

Junior Holy Name; Orchestra.

"I never did repent for doing good,
Nor shall not now."

EVELYN LEAHY

Evelyn is not unwilling to be a friend. She likes you to know that she is around, ready to join in your fun, and to seek your friendship. A sympathetic nature heightens her value in the eyes of her classmates.

Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Basketball '27, '28.

"Ambition,
The Soldiers' Virtue."

IRENE LILLY

When Irene smiles she brings a flow of happiness with her. Ever willing to help when she can, Irene is like a firm pinnacle upon which her friends may lean.

Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Basketball '27, '28; Basketball Captain '27; Dramatics.

"Sword of Common Sense!
Our surest gift."

MARY McCARTHY

In Mary McCarthy we find a girl of winning personality, firm responsibility, and generous friendship. We shall always remember her as a ray of sunshine in our high school life.

Chairman of Eucharistic Committee, S. S. C.; Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Editor of "Benedictator" and "Benedictum"; Basketball '27, '28; Dramatics.

"Blessed with each talent and each art to please."

LEO McGLYNN

Handball, football, and poetry are his hobbies, and to all he does justice. Leo is a man of character and has under his rather solemn appearance a good-natured spirit.

Orchestra; Junior Holy Name; Contributing Editor, "Benedictator"; Football '27.

"But if I'm content with a little
Enough is as good as a feast."

PHILIP MULLIGAN

"Phil," a wise and accomplished youth, is highly respected by his classmates. He has long been a member of St. Benedict orchestra. Although he engaged in all sports, he played best in football.

Orchestra; Junior Holy Name; Contributing Editor, "Benedictator"; Basketball '28; Football '26, '27; Member of S. S. C.

"His open eyes desire the truth.
The wisdom of a thousand years is in them."

JOSEPH MURPHY

Joe is one of the smallest members of the class, nevertheless he starred on the gridiron and diamond, and was manager of the five. His pep and keen sense of humor have made him very popular among his classmates.

Manager, Basketball '28; Football '26, '27; Baseball '27, '28; Junior Holy Name; Dramatics.

"An honest man is the noblest work of God."

LEO MURPHY

Besides being a most diligent student, "Murph" is a three-sport man, very apt in each. His love for things humorous has often brought him to a limit. Among his classmates he is a true friend of all.

Junior Holy Name; Football '26, '27; Basketball '27, '28; Baseball '27, '28.

"No idler he,
An earnest, careful worker at his task."

HAROLD SAYERS

"Spivis" is a happy-go-lucky chap and a popular man about school. In the field of athletics his services have been invaluable. His presence on the gridiron, basketball court, and diamond has proved an inspiration to his fellow players.

Junior Holy Name; Basketball '27, '28; Football '26, '27; Baseball '27, '28; Dramatics.

"Sport that wrinkled care derides
And laughter holding both his sides."

EDWARD SCHNEIDER

"Schultz" is another of our small classmates. He has a never-waning interest in athletics and earned a monogram in football. His scholastic standing is enviable, his name appearing frequently on the honor rolls. As Secretary of the Junior Holy Name he met with success.

Secretary, Junior Holy Name; Dramatics; Football '27; Baseball '28.

"No one has ever repented of having held his tongue."

GERTRUDE SCHNEIDER

A quiet little lady with a friendly smile and a dignified manner, is Gertrude. She does not always make herself known, but we feel her presence in all our undertakings.

Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Artist, "Benedictum"; Basketball '27, '28; Basketball Captain '28.

"Honest labor bears a lovely face."

ANNETTE STUMP

What would we do without Annette? Everyone is made to feel her fun-loving nature, and she has ever imparted the spice of life to our class activities.

Young Ladies' Sodality; League of Blessed Sacrament; Basketball '27, '28; Dramatics.

"Lovely, gentle, kind,
And full of every hope and every joy."

Senior Class History

When we, the seniors of 1928, look back upon the triumphs and achievements of four years of an eventful high school career, sentiments of confidence and regret find place in our hearts. Confidence, because we feel able to cope with the problems of life; regret, because we are reluctant to leave the Alma Mater where so many joyful hours have been spent. Recalling these never-to-be-forgotten years of Youth, we see ourselves first as freshmen of Ireland's famed hue.

Much of this year was devoted to "just becoming acquainted" with high school life. And by the end of the tenth month, forty-six peaceful, law-abiding "freshies" had lost all terror of uninviting textbooks with their formidable contents.

Thirty-five strong, we started our second year as sophomores, enthusiastic to the finger tips. During this year we collected the Great Seals of the various states, mounted them, and left them for the advantage of future classes. In the play, "The Land of Contentment," several sophomores distinguished themselves. Further renown came to the class through Vincent Desmond, a winner of district honors in the State Oratorical Contest.

Next, as thirty-two "jolly juniors," we took our position on the third rung of the ladder to success. By the organization of the class, previous bonds of friendship, and the most vital spirit of union and co-operation, were strengthened. Many boys shone on the gridiron, while both boys and girls went in for basketball. "Queen Esther," a Christmas sale, a raffle, a luncheon—which proved a huge success—and the Junior-Senior Banquet were other activities which make this year memorable.

The following September, twenty-seven seniors occupied the back seats of the assembly hall. Early in the year we held a class meeting, elected officers, chose "Sursum Corda" for our motto, blue and gold for our colors, and the rose for our flower. December brought us our class rings, February a visit to Rembrandt's. These two events made us realize that we were indeed close to graduation. On March 19th we went to Nazareth where, with pardonable pride, we saw the second member of our class receive the habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The first girl of our class to embrace religious life was Catherine McInnes, the second Mary Schmitter. At this point we wish to mention Frank Srebernak, whose success at Sacred Heart Seminary during the past year has very much interested us. The Alumni and Junior-Senior Banquets, events always happily anticipated and occasions of great joy, were held in May and June respectively.

Now, as our high school days are numbered and commencement is in sight, we are loath to leave the place we love so well. To you, dear St. Benedict's, where we have spent four years that we might lay the foundation upon which we shall build our lives, we are indebted for the great principles and ideals with which you have inspired us. As a proof of love and gratitude, we shall be ever mindful of our motto, "Sursum Corda," with the hope that while we are trying to lift our hearts above all that is sordid and earthly we may repay you for your unremitting efforts.

ROSEMARY BUTTERFIELD.

"Dede"
"Cito"
Now For A Touchdown!
"Gert"
"Phil"
Wise Heads
Looking Over The World
Friends
Dignitaries
Seniors And Friends
"Our Gang Comedy"
Meet "Peanuts."
Just We Two
Listening In
Happy Trio
Whose?
Whose?

Class Prophecy

The Memory Special was running on time. This crack train of 1945, which went from Detroit to New York via Washington, never failed to delight us with its precision: we entered the Washington Union Depot exactly on the minute scheduled. Having a few hours' wait before resuming our journey to New York, we sauntered down the broad avenues leading to the Capitol, entered the House and gazed upon the assembled Congressmen. A rich voice rolled sonorously out upon the slumbering representatives. And then I recognized the speaker, Vincent Desmond, "The Gentleman from Michigan."

On our return to the depot, my friend suddenly said, "Look! Our friend, Joseph Devitt." Sure enough. There was Joseph—"A fine chauffeur," I remarked —driving the President's car.

Having taken the train once more, we found in the observation coach a magazine which, upon examination, revealed a short story by Edward Dufty—the O. Henry of the day—and illustrations by Joseph Murphy and Edward Germaine, famous cartoonists. In the meantime, we had arrived at the great metropolis.

In Roxy's theatre, I had a huge surprise. With Roxy and his Gang, the now famous David Germaine was appearing as a high power harmonica player. On the occasion to which I refer, he literally "brought down the house."

We left the theatre by a dark street—such as one would imagine in Naples—and came upon an antique book store. I passed into its depths and under a dim light saw a man pouring over an aged quarto, seemingly filled with hieroglyphics. I approached and found that it was the "Canterbury Tales" of Chaucer. The librarian raised a beaming head to find a person interested enough in literature to drop into his sanctuary. As I saw his countenance a gleam of recognition passed between us. The librarian was none other than William Eardly, my old classmate. After a few moments, having become accustomed to the dimness, I perceived someone arranging a row of leather covered volumes, and to my amazement, who should it be but Mary McCarthy.

Next, we journeyed to the Polo Grounds, where the Little Giants play. Awaiting his turn at the plate stood Leo Murphy and close by sauntered the widely known bat boy, Harold Sayers.

On leaving the Grounds, we saw a great gathering. Why was the crowd forming? What was coming? A parade? I elbowed my way to the front "Sweet misery!" I ejaculated. "Who is driving that beautiful float but George Grix!" And sitting complacently beside him was John Johnson, who when graduated from our dear old school was elected the tallest man in the class. Now what was he? A wee bit of a man, the inventor of a patent medicine—to be taken internally—to bleach brown hair grey. He had taken some to prove its value, and as a result his hair was orange and he was short.

The ride up the Hudson River to Bear Mountain is truly beautiful. Among our companions on this trip was Dr. P. Mulligan, the greatest and most eminent of medical men in his class. He has cured, healed, preserved, and trained many.

His prices are moderate. He gives immediate attention to the shooting of those with broken legs. Yes, he is a veterinary surgeon.

The park is situated on a high eminence and much beloved by scientists and nature lovers. We observed a young man bounding forth from a grove of elms with a net and zealous look in his eye. In answer to our questions, we were told that this person was Frank Bliss, butterfly curator of the Ferndale Museum. We were further informed that Catharine Henkel, who was graduated from the Hines School, was in charge of the preservation of his specimens.

On our return to the city we passed a great store, which upon entering we found to be a wholesale grocery concern in which Edward Schneider and Leo McGlynn are co-partners. They carry the rarest cheeses in town and so have no inferiority complex. In the office of this company were Doris Dyer and Irene Lilly, each pushing a huge pencil.

As we came out we were surprised to see all traffic suspended while on the opposite side of the avenue a photographer, whose head was buried behind a huge apparatus, snapped a picture of the noble edifice. When the head emerged we recognized the beaming countenance of Leah McKinnon, who is the mainstay of the McKinnon Commercial Photographers.

While we were talking to Leah the blare of drums was heard, and turning to find the cause of the outburst, we saw approaching, a band bearing a huge placard with the exhortation, "Elect Annette Stump for Mayor." Within a few moments another band marched by, which endeavored to surpass the first in volume. This band carried a banner with the words, "For Mayor—Gertrude Schneider." The greatest surprise of all, however, came when we saw Gertrude and Annette walking toward us, arm in arm.

Leaving our friends, we next visited Bellevue Hospital. Shortly after entering its portals, our guide led us to the nursery, where Rosemary Butterfield and Veronica Kenny were trying to amuse the infants by their clever antics. While we were exchanging happy greetings with Rosemary and Veronica, Mother Lucrece, Superior of the hospital, entered. Imagine our joy at finding Thelma Gaffney in our midst. What a delightful talk we had—old friends, old reminiscences.

To the slowly tolling bell of the Angelus we took our leave. The air drome was not far away. Soon we were in the plane. The motor hummed smoothly under the skilled hand of the pilot, Evelyn Leahy. High in the air she performed many tricks of flying, much to my delight and to the dismay of the other passengers. In a very short time the Ford airport loomed below—and we were home.

Taking up my box of shoestrings, I slowly wended my way into the dusk, continuing once more the profession I had chosen.

MARGARET CROCKER.

In number we are twenty-seven,
Bravely fighting our way to heaven.
Among us are found the tall and short,
And we have comrades of the best sort.
We brush our teeth and comb our hair,
We never have a worry or care.
And though from Alma Mater we part,
Its memory will linger in each heart.

M. L. G. V.

Last Will and Testament

We, the senior class of 1928, being about to depart high school life, hereby make solemn disposition of our goods as herein stated:

To our pilots, the members of the faculty, we leave the love, respect, and appreciation of twenty-seven seniors embarking on the cruise of life, strengthened by the untiring efforts of devoted teachers.

We bequeath to the future occupants of the assembly hall the good-will of the senior class of 1928—those seniors who will always cherish the friendship of their assembly hall classmates.

The ambitious spirit of the class of '28, as well as its successes and failures, we give to the juniors with the hope that they will profit by the mistakes of their predecessors.

Appreciating the full value of punctuality, we bequeath Edward Schneider's coveted position as bell-ringer to Frederick Schnoor, provided that he be as immune to bribes as was Edward.

Our monopoly of the high school and science libraries and our places in the laboratory, we entrust to the watchful care of the sophomores, bidding them to take counsel from wise men who believe that "Books are the source of all knowledge."

To the freshmen we bequeath our unfailing humor and love of fun, that they may be able to cope with the tragedies of high school life.

Leo McGlynn's poetic ability and David Germaine's artistic talent, we leave to Edward Byrne and Criss Schearer respectively, with the injunction that they hold these bequests in high esteem.

To the coming football team we give the glory of eleven departing "Bennies," on condition that their indomitable spirit be imitated.

The renown of the senior basketball team with its true fighting spirit we leave to the members of the junior league.

The positions held by Doris Dyer, Irene Lilly, and Annette Stump, we leave to Florence McKinnon, Helen Brady and Margaret Daly, believing them well capable of counting the weekly offerings made by St. Benedict boys and girls.

The oratorical ability of Vincent Desmond we leave to Harold Ostenfeld, so that, combined with his own talent, Harold may win many honors in the public-speaking field.

To the future editorial staff we bequeath the extraordinary amount of literary ability possessed by the seniors, adding the request that with such a generous contribution the high standard of the "Benedictator" be maintained.

To Catherine Tear, whom we feel sure will carry out the honor given her, we bequeath Leah McKinnon's place as president of the S. S. C.

We leave to all those who find high school life difficult the privilege of belonging to St. Benedict Orchestra, that strains of music may accompany them on the way through.

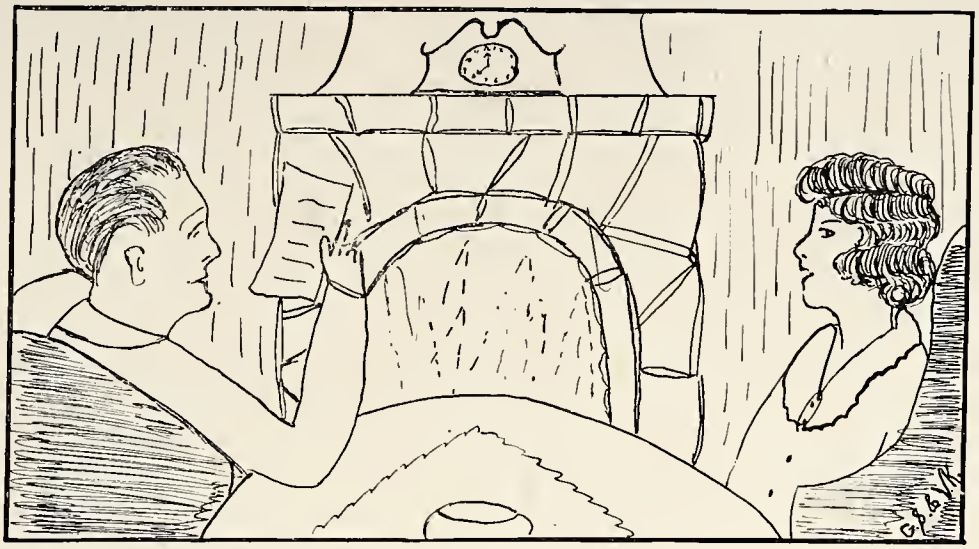
The ushers' posts, so well filled by George Grix and Wm. Eardly, we bequeath to Mark Storen and Burell Ostenfeld.

Our beloved desks in the back of the assembly hall we give to those ambitious juniors who "get there first," on the condition that they be mindful of their dignity lest they lose the stately bearing of seniors.

We hereby appoint as executors of our last will and testament the senior officers of 1929.

In witness whereof, we set our hand and seal this nineteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred twenty-eight. WITNESSES:

Mary McCarthy *Doris Dyer*



Seniors' Tribute

To Dad

My boyhood days are over now,
To a world of strife I make my bow,
But, dearest Dad, I'll strive to be
Just like the Dad God gave to me.

You've done your part and done it well.
My thanks in words I cannot tell.
You've worked and sweated that I might
Be helped along in life's great fight.

And, Dad, I won't forget it soon,
And when I graduate in June
O Dad, I'll try to show to you
The gratitude which is your due.

I've thanks for you deep in my heart,
For, Dad, you've given me a start.
I mean this, Dad, my words are true.
Many thanks, dear Dad, many thanks to you.

WILLIAM EARDLY

To Mother

Mother! How very sweet the name,
The world will never, never know.
Mother! Since our childhood the same,
Ever dearer does she grow.

Perhaps she's now among the old,
Perhaps she needs our love and care.
We'll give her all with hearts of gold;
We'll repay her for her every share.

Dearest Mother, gentle and meek!
She thinks we've grown so bold and gay,
But from her we shall always seek
Wise counsel and a sure guiding way.

There's one whom we shall imitate
In one way or another;
Whose cherished love we'll consecrate,
And that one is our dearest Mother!

VERONICA KENNEY

Our Teachers

We've won our cherished goal,
The ladder's foremost rung.
Into the world's hard face
Our daring gaze is flung.

The years were filled with joy
And sometimes with despair,
But always by our side
A kindly friend was there.

To guide our straying feet
Was e'er her endless task.
Yet for her labors she
Thought no reward to ask.

And now her wishes are
For our success and rise.
We'll reach the very top
And bear her back the prize!

CATHARINE HENKEL

JUNIORS

Top Row—D. Martin, E. Sullivan, D. Hackett.

Middle Row—W. Cullen, V. O'Malley, C. Schearer, M. Steren, G. Sheridan, B. Ostenfeld, F. Schnoor.

Bottom Row—H. Brady, C. Donoghue, M. Moynihan, M. Gnitowski, M. Weber, M. Gavin, I. Versaw.

CLASS HISTORY

Last October, we juniors chose as our motto, "Steadily Onward." Since we delight in movement, we have tried to keep abreast with time. These are some of the things which we have done.

In Religion, we have read parts of the New Testament, memorized scriptural texts, written reports of Catholic books, and kept in note books the accounts of Sunday sermons and the calendar of ecclesiastical feasts. In addition we have been studying the questions of the catechism in detail, looking up the references in the New Testament.

We began the study of Tanner's "Rhetoric" in September. Since then we have learned much about oral and written composition, and we feel that we have improved our punctuation and paragraphing.

In Latin class we became acquainted with Cicero and studied his orations against Catiline and his Defence of Archias, the poet. We have also translated many passages from the Vulgate.

Our study of physics has awakened us to observe the mysteries of nature and to understand more clearly why certain effects follow given causes.

Mathematics has kept us on the alert. We feel sure that our endeavors to reason logically will enable us to ascertain relative degrees of importance in life's later problems.

We have progressed rapidly in typewriting, as is evidenced by the speed tests taken during the year.

We hope to be able to do still more next year, when we are seniors.

SOPHOMORES

Top Row—B. Bowman, S. Valiquette, F. McKinnon, H. Dohany, M. Croci, A. Eardly, R. Killewald, L. Flannigan, A. Cheslik, K. Brady, J. Scaboda.

Second Row—E. Tittiger, H. Yelland, J. Dohany, H. Dahl, W. O'Connell, J. Eardly, E. Beauregard, C. Schneider, C. Meagher.

Third Row—J. Potvin, D. Bohmier, M. Grix, R. Querciagrossa, M. Dionne, V. Tuttle, M. Daly, K. Dyer, E. McNamara, I. Ryder.

Seated—J. Ansell, C. Vitale, E. Byrne, W. Chouinard, R. Sullivan, C. Huckle.

CLASS HISTORY

Were Plutarch living, he would write, without doubt, the history of the class of '30—the most famous, talented, and noteworthy class in the history of S. B. H., past, present, and future. He has dropped his pen to me, however, and bidden me sing the praises of my class in a manner worthy of it. I shall do my best.

We came to St. Benedict's in September, all eagerness and enthusiasm. We found the curriculum to include religion, geometry, Latin, history, English, and literature.

Father Hally, ever solicitous for our spiritual welfare, came in each week to give us instructions in our holy religion. We discussed the great events of history and translated Caesar's Gallic Wars. We greatly enjoyed the interesting theorems and problems in geometry and found theme-writing to become interesting as we became accustomed to it.

Football season opened and our class was represented by four members, while the basketball season claimed two of our class.

In the "Rapid Transit" debate, the sophs again "let their light shine." The "Declamation Contest" followed and again noted sophs won distinction.

Thus the eventful year closes, and we sophs depart from the portals of our Alma Mater, but not "forever." Next year we shall be dignified juniors, when we shall emulate our previous successes, and add even greater laurels to our already great renown.

FRESHMEN

Top Row—K. Kelleher, A. Du Charme, M. Arikian, M. Hagan, F. Morgan, R. McAllister, G. Jackson, E. Best.

Second Row—M. Wines, F. Tittiger, D. Kennedy, M. McInnes, A. Merkel, B. Wadding, R. Farley, R. McGregor, A. Desmond.

Third Row—M. Ronan, M. Amicarelli, E. Querciagrossa, E. Houlihan, M. Burghardt, K. Devine, M. J. Cheadle, M. Bratton, J. Hauck.

Seated—A. Ferris, J. Groth, J. Maul, N. Bissonette, W. Fick, P. Bonem, F. Crossland, H. Ostenfeld.

CLASS HISTORY

The early Autumn of the year 1927 saw us "freshies" beginning our history in St. Benedict High School. We had completed creditably our grammar school work and were eager to enroll as students in S. B. H. The two months' vacation from studies had elapsed and now the memorable September had arrived.

At first we were a little timid, being well aware of the dignity of the occasion, but soon the initial step was taken and we gathered courage. Presently, we were assigned to our home room and work began in earnest.

We were introduced to Latin, algebra, and the Ancient World, and after a few days we found the new subjects interesting.

In spite of the fact that we were only freshmen we had plenty of fun and enjoyed the sports of each season.

While nothing extremely spectacular occurred, we were impressed with the usual round of affairs. Several of our class took leading roles in the school play and one of our members, Harold Ostenfeld, came into prominence and gained renown as a Declaimer in the Michigan Catholic Contest. Harold was also our representative in the State Contest, and we feel proud of him.

Mid-year exams, the Lenten Season, and Easter followed in due time and left us ready, as June approached, to close our year with the feeling that "All's well that ends well."

Activities

Benedictator and Annual Staffs

The "BENEDICTATOR" Staff

About four years ago the high school students of St. Benedict School founded the "Benedictator." Today, in spite of many difficulties, we find it one of the best scholastic papers in the city. Much hard work, both on the part of faculty advisors and staff members, was necessary to raise the paper to the standard it now holds.

This year, in order that the staff might not be inferior to that of other years, great care was exercised in making the appointments. As a result, a banner year was experienced. Mary McCarthy was named editor, an office which she ably filled. Margaret Crocker and William Eardly were associated with her in the editing of the monthly publication. Six contributing editors, Catharine Henkel, Leo McGlynn, Philip Mulligan, Catherine Tear, Margaret Dionne, and Mary Jean Cheadle, did their share toward the success of the paper. Helen Brady, exchange editor, and George Grix, business manager, completed the staff.

The knowledge gained by the members of the staff will be invaluable, both from the literary standpoint and that of general experience.

"The BENEDICTUM"

The year book, one of the most cherished treasures of a graduating class, is a souvenir of high school days. Having "The Benedictum," the students of St. Benedict are not without the coveted possession. In order to publish a year book, a great deal of time and energy must be expended. The class of 1928, desiring to make theirs one of the best in the history of the school, entered wholeheartedly into the work of publication.

First a staff, headed by Mary McCarthy, was chosen. As editor-in-chief, it was her duty to pass on the work of the other members besides doing much writing herself. Gertrude Schneider furnished the artistic talent of the staff. Margaret Crocker, class editor, had charge of activities. The history of the boys' athletic achievements was handled by William Eardly, sport editor, that of the girls, by Gertrude Schneider. Catharine Henkel gave the records of the various organizations and societies. In getting ads, Edward Duffy, advertising manager, George Grix, business manager, and William Eardly, sport editor, did well, exceeding the goal set in planning the budget. Filling the capacity of circulation manager, Edward Germain gave the annual of 1928 ample publicity. Leah McKinnon, staff photographer, gathered pictures of interest and devoted not a little time to the work which mounting them entailed. Doris Dyer, who typed the material for the annual, deserves recognition for her services as staff typist. Although Veronica Kenney was not a member of the staff, "The Benedictum" is greatly indebted to her for printing and design work.

Regarding the success of "The Benedictum" of 1928, we leave the decision entirely to the judgment of our readers. However, we trust that if they are not entirely satisfied with our earnest efforts they will, at least, offer us encouragement for future endeavors.

Orators and Teachers

Debating Team

Public Speaking Honors

We have every reason to be proud of our orators and declaimer and to be gratified by the splendid work of their teachers.

In the February elimination contest sponsored by the "Michigan Catholic" for students of the Catholic high schools of the city and state, Margaret Weber and Harold Ostenfeld were the respective oratorical and declamatory winners of their district. Although our oratorical contestant received no prize in the finals, we are proud of her efforts and the credit which she reflected upon herself and the school. In the finals for the boys, our declaimer, Harold Ostenfeld, was awarded second place and received a prize of ten dollars.

In the State Oratorical and Declamatory Contest, sponsored by the Detroit News, we again hoped to show our ability. The school elimination contest was held on March 6, in St. Benedict Auditorium. Vincent Desmond delivered his oration, "The Constitution," in a most praiseworthy manner and was awarded first place. Harold Ostenfeld, by his splendid delivery of "Spartacus to the Gladiators," merited first honors among the declaimers.

To our winners, we offer hearty congratulations and sincere wishes for their future success in the oratorical and declamatory fields.

Our Debating Team

This year, for the first time in the history of the school, St. Benedict was represented by debating teams. The subject of the inter-scholastic debates was "Rapid Transit." Though both our affirmative and negative teams met defeat, we are not disheartened; on the contrary, we are much encouraged, for with experience and the continued diligence we have witnessed, success is ahead. William Eardly is the only member the teams will lose by graduation. The other members, Edward Byrne, Francis Crossland, John Dohany, Alice Eardly, and Clifford Huckle, with this year's work as a foundation, will forge ahead and raise the standard of St. Benedict Debating Teams.

Essay Contest

From the earliest days in the history of the world, contests have been promoted either for the mental or physical development of youth. In the annals of the Senior Class of 1928 may be read the fact that this class boasts of William Eardly as one of the final eight parochial school contestants in the Union Trust Essay Contest. Though all the members of the Senior Class submitted essays, William's alone was chosen to represent the school.

As the annual goes into print the seniors are still awaiting the judges' decision, which they sincerely hope will name their classmate the winner of a $1,000 scholarship prize.

Department of Music

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Modern civilization is rapidly recognizing the value of music as an educational means and less as an educational frill. Consequently, school authorities are encouraging pupils to participate in school orchestras, bands, and glee clubs. Playing in a high school orchestra involves hours of tedious practice, but the resulting spirit of co-operation and respect for discipline are alone sufficient reward.

St. Benedict Orchestra has shown its splendid ability on many occasions. Proof of the orchestra's obliging nature has been given by its willingness to play for all the school and social functions of the parish.

For an orchestra composed of only nineteen members, it can well be proud of its variety of instruments. The orchestra includes the following choirs besides the drums and piano: a string choir composed of the first and second violins, double bass, and cello; a reed choir made up of first and second clarinets, alto and tenor saxophones; and a wind choir including first and second cornets, trombone, sousaphone, and baritone.

During the past year many members of the Music Department advanced themselves by studying compositions from Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Grieg, Hayden, MacDowell, Mozart, Nevin, Schubert, Schumann, Sinding, and Tschaikowsky.

Other achievements may be added to the credit of the Music Department. In the fifth annual Music Memory Contest sponsored by the Symphony Society, St. Benedict was the only school that had seven perfect papers. The music pupils who brought this honor to the school are: D. Kennedy, J. Hauck, E. Best, A. Carron, A. Wines, A. King, and H. Clawson.

We delight in the yearly improvement of St. Benedict Music Department and feel certain that everyone who has come under its influence has been uplifted by the spiritual beauty of music.

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Music is mingled with the flow of rushing waters, with the breath of the wind, with the murmur of forests; she lives in the earth's seismic heavings, in the mighty motion of the planets, in the hidden conflicts of inflexible atoms; she is in all the lights, in all the colors that dazzle or soothe our eyes; she is in the blood of our arteries, in every pain, passion, ecstasy that shakes our hearts. She is everywhere, soaring beyond and above the range of human speech unto unearthly spheres of divine emotion.—Paderewski.

OUR SOCIETIES

During the past year the S. S. C., Students' Spiritual Council, was placed at the head of St. Benedict School societies. At the council's first meeting officers were elected and committees chosen. Thereafter the council met every month to discuss matters of spiritual interest. An exact record of Communions, Masses, and Visits to the Blessed Sacrament was kept on a spiritual bulletin board.

Father Lord, the sponsor of this new movement, was rather pleased with the promptness with which the students accepted the organization. In one of his letters he wrote: "I was delighted to get your report and the clipping that accompanied it. St. Benedict has evidently been very much alive and very quick to carry through our plans. The other schools around the country will be delighted to hear about it."

The Girls' Blessed Sacrament League, which was formed last year, requires for membership the reception of Holy Communion at least three times a week, attendance at Holy Hour once a month, and a visit to the Blessed Sacrament each day.

The Junior Holy Name and Children of Mary, pioneer societies in our school, continue to be active. The Junior Holy Name showed themselves strong on Father and Son's Day by their presence at the Holy Table and the big Father and Son Entertainment; the Children of Mary, on the first Sunday of May, when they paid a most filial tribute to their heavenly queen.

Thus through our societies have the boys and girls of St. Benedict had many contacts with Christ and His blessed Mother-contacts which will ever remind them of the words: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His justice, and all these things will be added unto you."

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

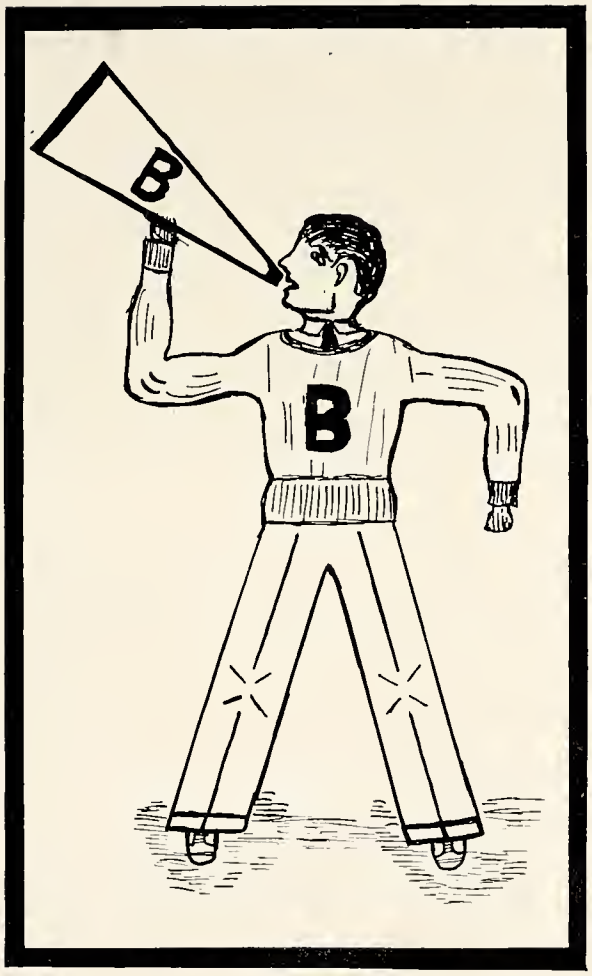
Although with its essay contests, oratorical contests, studies and examinations, the past year was a very busy one, S. B. H. boys and girls had time for social activities.

The boys' football banquet and the dance which followed constituted the first big social event of the year. Immediately preceding the dance, seventeen boys received letters. Spirit thus ran high, and it would be hard to find a merrier or happier crowd than that which stepped to peppy music on this memorable evening.

Besides, there were at various other times during the year social gatherings of an informal nature. The entertained were the League of the Blessed Sacrament, the Children of Mary or the junior and senior basketball girls. But always, capable and charming hostesses presided and a most delightful time was offered.

St. Benedict Alumni banqueted the seniors in May. The banquet, the hosts, and hostesses were all that anyone could possibly desire, and long will the seniors cherish the happy memory of this occasion.

The social activities were culminated in the Junior-Senior Banquet on June eighteenth. All that was said about the Alumni Banquet can be said with equal measure here. But beneath the gaily floating blue and gold the seniors ended the evening with conscious regret, for to them it meant not only the closing of the year's activities, but also of their scholastic career in St. Benedict School.



Athletics

Top Row—J. Gallagher, Coach; M. Steren, Capt.; C. Schearer, H. Sayers, E. Germain, W. O'Connell, D. Murphy, D. Germain, F. Schnoor.

Second Row—P. Milligan, W. Eardly, F. Tittiger, J. Dohany, L. McGlynn, L. Murphy, G. Grix.

Bottom Row—E. Schneider, C. Vitale, J. Murphy, V. Desmond, J. Eardly.

The ORANGE and BLACK

Soon after the opening of school, Coach Gallagher issued his call for football candidates. Fifteen boys responded and later five more strengthened this number. Knowing that a stiff schedule had been arranged, the boys worked in earnest and soon rounded into shape. By the day set for the season's first game, the team showed excellent form.

The grid season opened with a defeat for the Orange and Black. The score was 13 to 6. Our opponents, however, the heavy Highland Park eleven, had their hands full in this game and were entirely outplayed in the first three quarters. Criss Schearer, our quarterback, was injured after having scored our only points. His loss was severely felt.

St. Ambrose dropped the first league contest by a 13 to 7 score. The home team continued the excellent show of football begun in the Highland Park game.

A trip to Pontiac proved fruitless, as the locals were forced to give in to a 6 to 0 score. The lone touchdown came late in the fourth quarter with but two minutes to play.

Again we met reverses, this time at the hands of the De La Salle eleven. A single touchdown and the extra point was the margin.

Redford was the scene of our next conquest, the St. Mary team being the losers. Three touchdowns to their two gave us the game.

St. Leo's, one of the league's strongest teams, handed us a 27 to 0 defeat. Weakness in the last quarter caused the large score, three touchdowns being pushed over in this frame.

St. Patrick's defeated us by a 12 to 6 score after a fast game. We were again greatly outweighed, but showed good football. Criss Shearer returned to the squad for this game.

Our Lady of Lourdes found us a little too strong, yielding to a safety and two touchdowns. A little of the early season form was shown in this game. The score was 14 to 0.

The season closed with a game on Thanksgiving Day. St. Joseph's furnished the opposition, which was too strong for the home eleven. A large crowd witnessed the 14 to 0 defeat.

Record of the Orange and Black

Highland Park	13—St. Benedict	6
St. Ambrose	7—St. Benedict	13
St. Frederick	6—St. Benedict	0
De La Salle	7—St. Benedict	0
St. Mary	12—St. Benedict	18
St. Leo	27—St. Benedict	0
St. Patrick	12—St. Benedict	6
Our Lady of Lourdes	0—St. Benedict	14
St. Joseph Commercial	14—St. Benedict	0

LETTERMEN

Top Row—C. Schearer, P. Mulligan, F. Tittiger, L. McGlynn, D. Germain, W. Eardly, F. Schnoor, J. Gallagher, Coach.
Middle Row—L. Murphy, W. O'Connell, G. Grix, M. Storen, H. Sayers, E. Germain, E. Schneider.
Bottom Row—C. McCullough, Cheer Leader; E. Duffy, V. Desmond, J. Eardly, A. Desmond, Cheer Leader; J. Murphy.

Standing—V. Desmond, C. Schearer, J. Gallagher, Coach; J. Eardly, J. Murphy, Manager.
Seated—F. Bliss, W. O'Connell, M. Storen, Capt.; H. Sayers, L. Murphy.

BASKETBALL RECORD

Shortly after the football togs had been placed in storage, the basketball candidates presented themselves. Nine of those appearing were retained for regular service throughout the season.

With seven veterans as a nucleus and good reserve material, hopes for a successful season were high. Storen, Desmond, Sayers, Schearer, and L. Murphy proved to be the team's sharpshooters, with Bliss, O'Connell, J. Eardly, and Mulligan close behind.

The team went through the league schedule tasting defeat but thrice in the ten games played. Fourteen outside games were also arranged, but due to the high class of opposition met, only four of this number were victories.

The games in the Greater Detroit Catholic League began when the St. Agnes five came to our gym and were handed a 14 to 9 defeat. St. Ambrose High came next and were vanquished 20 to 12. Traveling to Wyandotte for the next contest, our five suffered their first defeat to the St. Patrick five by a 37 to 24 score. St. Catherine's suffered defeat a few days later by a 23 to 19 score. This game was no less hotly contested than the following, in which St. Mary's of Redford went down under a 16 to 14 count. A rather listless game, in which St.

Leo's were defeated 17 to 9, followed. The Orange and Black then met Lourdes of River Rouge, defeating them 17 to 10 for the fourth consecutive league win. With the most difficult part of the schedule remaining, grim determination gripped the team. St. Joseph's triumphed over our five 32 to 22, but were later forced to erase this victory and favor us 2 to 0. Ineligibility of a player caused the forfeit. With two regulars out, the Orange and Black took on the St. Theresa quintet and went down under a 48 to 13 defeat. In the league closing contest St. Frederick's took a rough game by a 30 to 22 score.

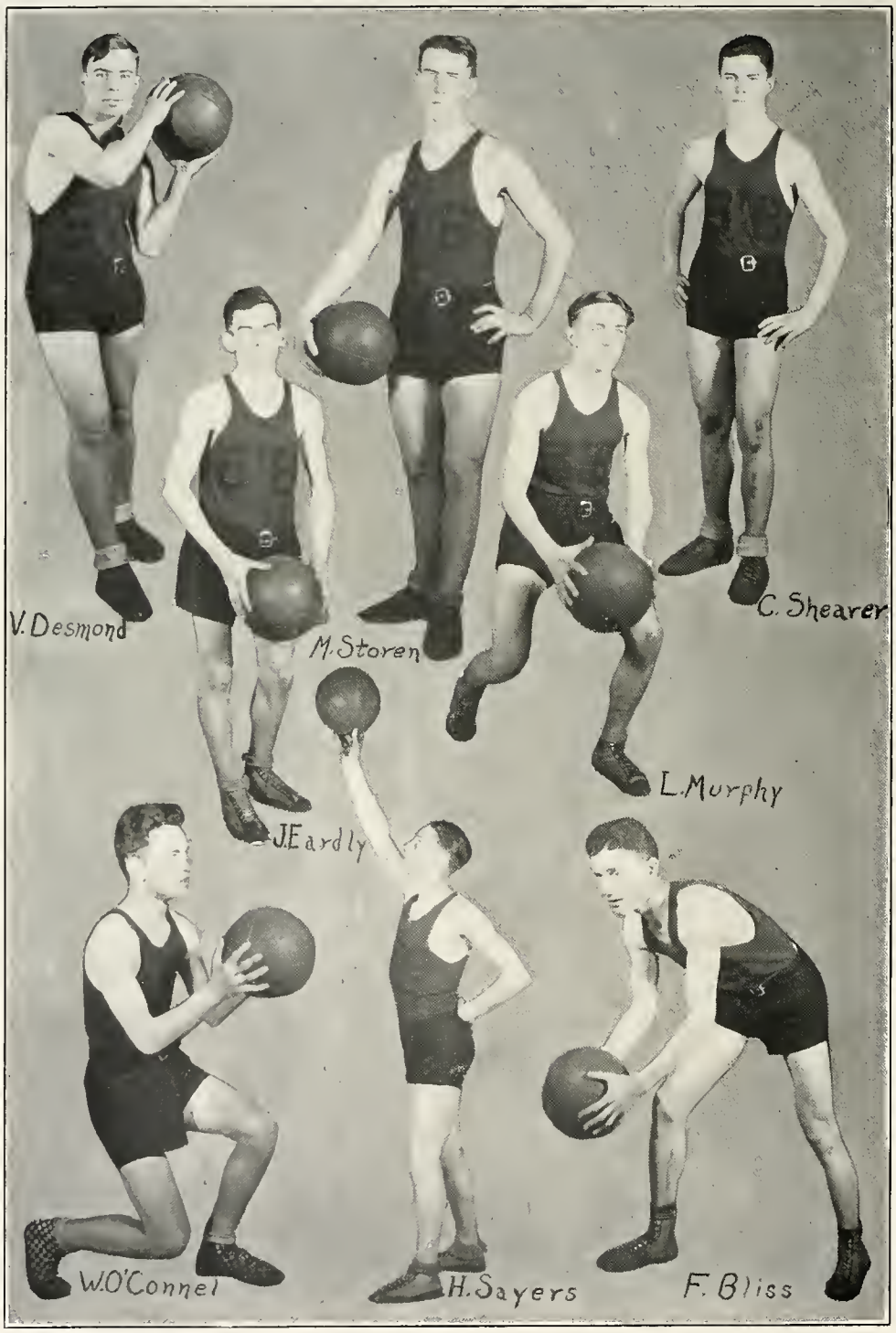
In the outside games De La Salle, Highland Park, and St. Mary of Mt. Clemens won two games each. The Alumni suffered defeat and some days later Redeemer took a non-league contest. St. Mary of Royal Oak and St. Benedict each won a single game, as did Visitation and St. Benedict. St. Leo's then brought a revamped team to St. Benedict and were defeated for the second time this season. St. Theresa High, league champions and victors in a previous encounter, met St. Benedict in a return game. St. Theresa's won this game by a 24 to 16 score.

LEAGUE GAMES

St. Agnes	9	St. Benedict	14
St. Ambrose	12	St. Benedict	20
St. Patrick	37	St. Benedict	24
St. Catherine	19	St. Benedict	23
St. Mary (Redford)	14	St. Benedict	16
St. Leo	9	St. Benedict	17
Lourdes	10	St. Benedict	17
St. Joseph	0	St. Benedict (forfeit)	2
St. Theresa	48	St. Benedict	13
St. Frederick	30	St. Benedict	22
Totals	188		168

BASEBALL SCHEDULE
1928

April 20	St. Agnes	Northwestern Field
April 27	Visitation	Ford Field
May 4	St. Mary's, Redford	Redford
May 9	St. Ambrose	Ford Field
May 18	St. Catherine	Pingree Park
May 25	Lady of Lourdes	River Rouge
June 1	Holy Rosary	Ford Field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W. O'Connel
H. Sayers
F. Bliss

Top Row—C. Donoghue, Jr., Capt.; I. Lilly, A. Stump, R. Butterfield, M. Crocker, C. Tear, C. Henkel.
Middle Row—I. Versaw, H. Brady, L. McKinnon, M. McCarthy, M. Weber, D. Hackett, R. Carroll, Coach.
Bottom Row—E. Sullivan, D. Martin, V. Kenney, G. Schneider, Sr., Capt.; T. Gaffney, E. Leahy, M. Gavin.

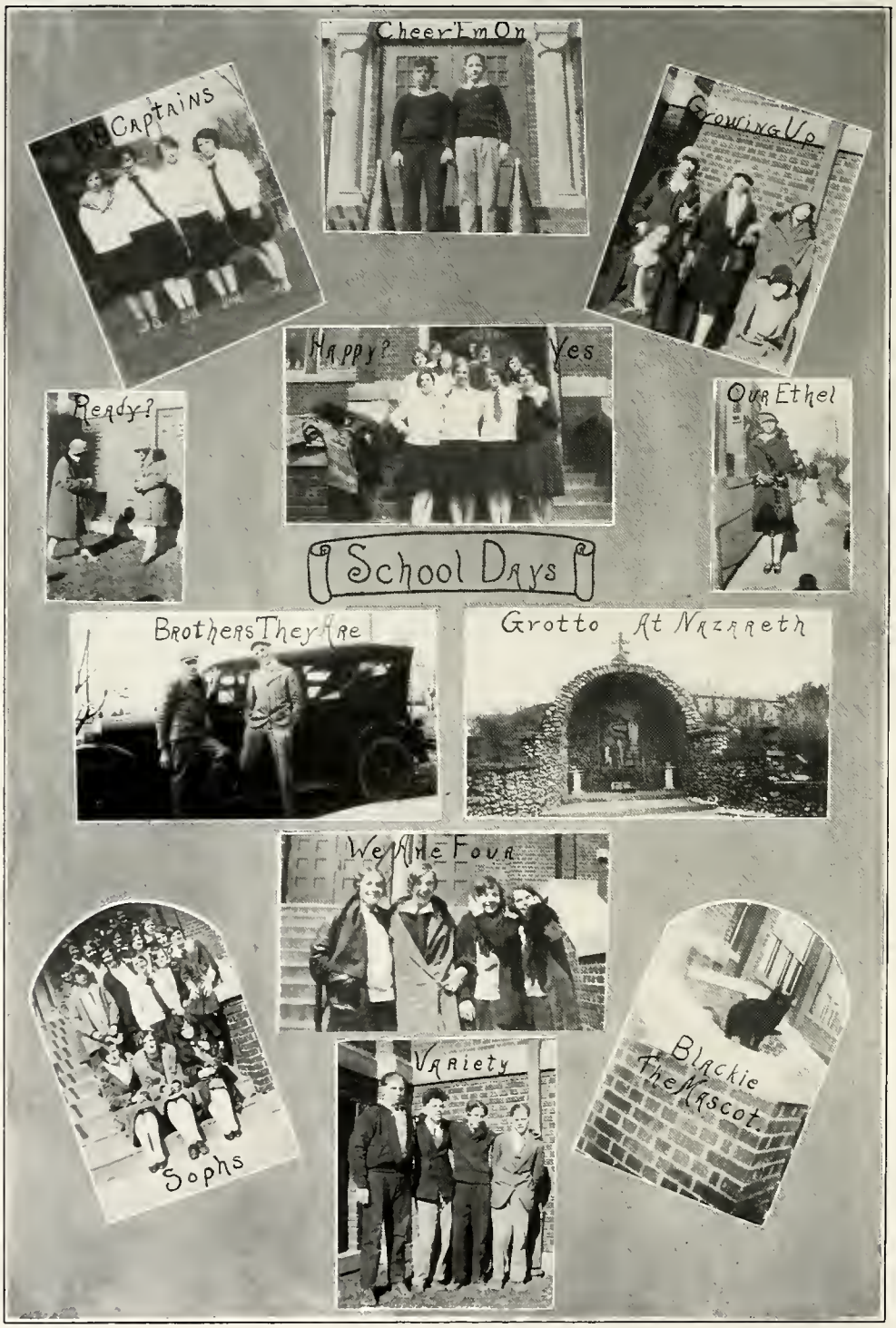
GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAMS

Shortly after the opening of school in September the high school girls were assigned their respective physical culture classes. The seniors, having a very small group, were designated a place with the junior training class. The sophomores and freshmen each had a separate class. All these classes were under the able instructions of Miss Rhea Carroll.

When the basketball season officially opened the girls caught the spirit of the play and entered it whole-heartedly. After a few strenuous practices each class elected a captain. Florence Morgan was elected by the freshmen to lead their team, Viola Killewald, by the sophomores, while the juniors chose Catherine Donohue and the seniors, Gertrude Schneider.

During the course of the season there were a few inter-class tilts, in which the seniors defeated the juniors, both the seniors and juniors defeated the freshmen, and the sophomores defeated the seniors.

The game that was the hardest, however, was the contest with the Royal Oak girls. Did the St. Benedict girls practice hard? You should have seen them! The team for this game was selected from the three upper classes. The game was the only outside one the girls played, nevertheless, St. Benedict defeated the visiting team to the tune of 27 to 24. All the classes represented were well satisfied with their respective classmates.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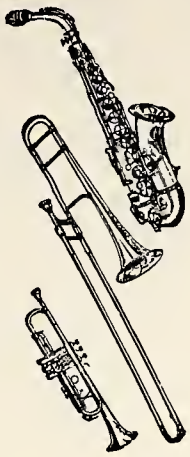

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